GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF UNUSED AIRSTRIPS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of airstrips lying unused in the country as on date and the reasons for keeping them unused;

(b) the amount being spent on the maintenance of these airstrips annually;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for maintenance of such airstrips and their utlisation at State level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Number of airstrips lying unused in the country State-wise is as under: Mizoram-1, Maharashtra-3, West Bengal-5, Chhattisgarh-1, Jharkhand-1, Andhra Pradesh-4, Gujarat-1, Karnataka-2, Uttar Pradesh-2, Orissa-1, Bihar-3, Tripura-3, Madhya Pradesh-3, Arunachal Pradesh-1, Assam-2 and Tamilnadu-1 respectively. Non-commitment of scheduled airlines to operate their services, airport being unfit for operations etc. are the reasons for not utilizing these airports.

(b) An amount of Rs.128.82 lakhs has been spent in 2003-04 towards maintenance of these airstrips.

(c) & (d) Operationalisation of utilisation of unused airstrips are taken up by Airports Authority of India based on requirement by airlines for starting operations.